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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/501,500	SHOJI ET AL.	
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	Gautam R. Patel	2627	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 31 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 31 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>7/6/06</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claim 31 are pending for the examination.

RESTRICTION/ELECTION

2. In light of the preliminary amendment filed on 8/22/06 old restriction requirement of old claims is withdrawn.

Election of claim 31 was made without traverse in paper dated 1/25/07.

Since no traverse was indicated election of species A is assumed to be without traverse.

Priority

3. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

NOTES & REMARKS

4. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which Applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Kenya, J.P.O.

Publication 2002-237051 (hereafter Kenya).

As to claim 31, Kenya discloses the invention as claimed [see Figs. 2-8, especially 5-6] including multi-pulse train in middle and first pulse, last pulse comprising:

A first pulse which is disposed at a front and forms a leading edge of the recording mark, a last pulse which is disposed at a backend and forms a trailing edge of the recording mark, and a

multi-pulse train which is disposed between the first pulse and the last pulse and forms center of the recoding mark,

the multi-pulse train having a pulse period longer than T which represents a reference period of the recording modulation code,

the plurality of recording marks have different lengths represented by T with each other, a number of pulses in each of the recording pulse train in increased by one as the recording mark is increased by 2T; and

a shortest recording mark and a second shortest recording mark are constituted of a single pulse, respectively [paragraphs 33-50].

Other prior art cited

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a) Nagata et al. (US. Patent 6487151)
- b) Haigaya et al. (US. patent 6770346)
- c) Kuwahara et al. (US. patent 6459670)
- d) Miyamoto et al (US. patent 6236635)
- e) Hasegawa (US. patent 6018508)
- f) Tanaka et al. (US. patent 6426930)

Contact information

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gautam R. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-7625. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 6.

The appropriate fax number for the organization (Group 2600) where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Dwayne Bost, who can be reached on (571) 272-7023.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Electronic Business Center whose telephone number is 866-217-9197 or the USPTO contact Center telephone number is (800) PTO-9199.

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